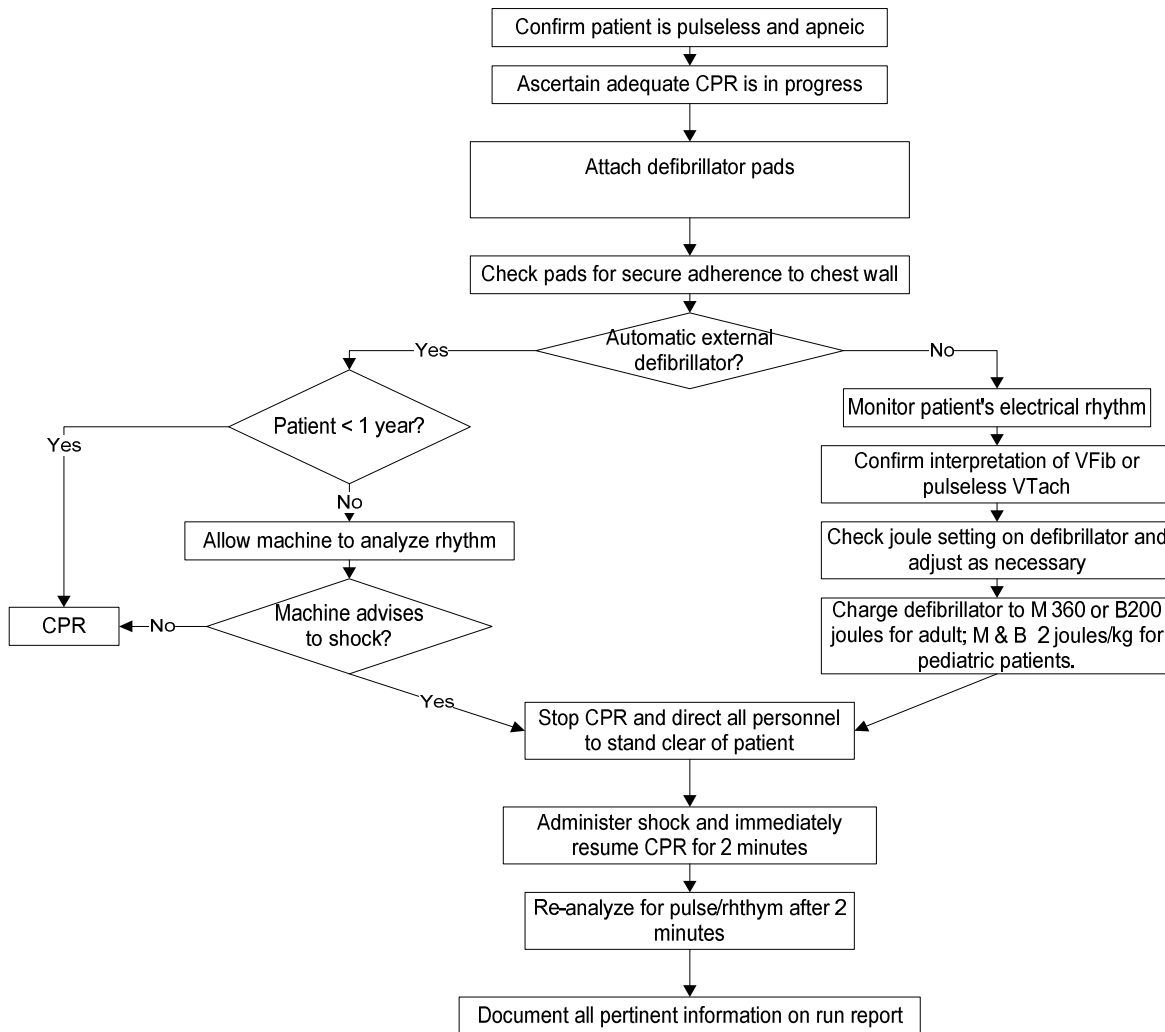


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
DEFIBRILLATION**

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<b>Purpose:</b>		<b>Indications:</b>	
To simultaneously depolarize the myocardial cells to terminate ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia		Patient presents pulseless and apneic in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia	
<b>Advantages:</b>	<b>Disadvantages:</b>	<b>Complications:</b>	<b>Contraindications:</b>
Termination of Vfib or Vtach in the pulseless, apneic patient	Electrical current causes some injury to myocardium	Poor interface between chest wall and pads can cause burns	Any patient with pulses Valid DNR orders Conditions incompatible with life



**NOTES:**

- 200 joules Biphasic is the energy equivalent 360 joules Monophasic.
- Automatic external defibrillators are NOT to be used on patients less than 1 year of age.
- Do not apply defibrillator pads over a pacemaker or automatic implanted cardiac defibrillator (AICD).
- Remove Nitropatch or Nitropaste before attaching defibrillator pads.
- Do not defibrillate when conditions exist for electrical conductivity (wet environment, etc.).